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Dear Friends,

DYC was founded in 1970 and is the first therapeutic community in New York State designed specifically for adolescents and young adults. In our 46 years, we continue to retain our reputation as a model of excellence. Our techniques have changed with the times, but the dedication and hard work of our staff, members, parents, Board of Directors and Friends of Dynamite does not change. Our success is a result of staying true to our mission as a special program to adolescents and their unique needs.

On May 24th, we will celebrate our Forty-sixth Anniversary at the Prospect Park Picnic House. Our honoree this year will be Duke Castiglione, Sports Journalist for WNYW Fox 5. Mr. Castiglione has visited DYC and has done several powerful segments on the use of illegal drugs amongst athletes and young adults struggling with addiction. It is our pleasure to honor Mr. Castiglione and our members are delighted he will be joining us in our celebration.

Special recognition will be given to Naomi V. Ferro who passed away in March. Naomi had been with DYC for over forty years and served as Chair of the Board of Directors for the last three decades. Naomi was also the editor of our annual journal from its inception and therefore, the 46th Annual Commencement Journal will be in honor of her (our “journal lady”) and all her hard work and devotion to our mission. She will always be in our hearts and the lessons Naomi taught us will forever remain.

Lastly, we will be giving out an Alumnus of the Year award; a new tradition that will start this year and will continue on in the years to come. We feel this award will add a special touch to our event, as well as recognize the achievements of our completions that we are so very proud of.

We are thankful and very grateful for our friends who continually provide the support and encouragement that help make us successful. Please join us any way you can. Celebrate with us at the Picnic House on May 24th. Fill out the enclosed commemorative journal form with your personal message or business ad. Our members are urged to patronize our sponsors and your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. In this epidemic the number of families affected is monumental, for this and so many reasons we need each other more than ever.

Sincerely,

Dawne Marro
Journal Editor

Patricia Peterson
Chair, Board of Directors